



2018 Wet Wednesday Series Notice Of Race



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This popular mid-week rite of summer series is scheduled for 22 Wednesdays between April 11 and September 12 (no race on July 4). After each race, there will be an attitude adjustment period, dinner, and trophy presentation at the Ventura Yacht Club at which all skippers, crew, and guests are welcome. These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

ENTRIES: Racing is open to all boats (LOA 20 feet or more) that are eligible to be rated under PHRF or ORCA. The PHRF MIR Rule does not apply. PHRF Area A buoy handicaps will be used. Yacht club membership is not required. Boats without a valid PHRF or ORCA handicap will be assigned a temporary handicap by the Race Committee. **Registration should be made online before the races – go to www.venturayachtclub.org and follow the link (Water>Racing>Regatta Network) for entry and payment options.** Skippers can enter the entire series for \$100 or enter individual races for \$20 per race.

CLASSES: Multiple PHRF classes are planned. Each class will mix Spinnaker boats and Non-Spinnaker boats, with Non-Spinnaker boats adding their PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset. Skippers will report to the RC boat when checking in each week and declare whether they are racing Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker. Multi-hulls will race with Class A.

SCORING: The Low-Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the Racing Rules) applies, and throw-outs will be allowed for series scoring. Handicap adjustments will be made for PHRF boats after each race — making it easier for boats finishing poorly to be more competitive in future races. Also, some Corinthian Racer Adjustments to Area A buoy handicaps may be allowed for certain boats that are not optimized for racing (See Sailing Instructions for specifics on scoring and handicap adjustments).

THE COURSES: The Courses will be chosen from the 2018 Wet Wednesday Course Chart that is part of the Sailing Instructions. The Start is at the Ventura Harbor Whistle Buoy and the Finish is near the Ventura Harbor entrance. **Anticipated Starting time for the first starting class is 1800.**

SAFETY AND INSURANCE: All boats must conform to USCG and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for a US Sailing Nearshore Race as modified below. USSERs are available online at ussailing.org (click on *Safety*).

- USS SER 3.19.1 is modified to allow compasses such as the TACK TICK and Velocitek Shift (non GPS) magnetic compasses with mounted brackets as long as they are tethered so the device may not be lost overboard.
- USS SER Rule 3.8.2 is in effect for this series and modified to require a water proof VHF or a VHF with a water proof cover even if it does not have DSC/GPS capability.
- USS SER 3.3.1 is modified to allow running lights that are mounted below deck level. (common on 90's and earlier boats).
- A minimum of 2 crew are required.
- Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance

MORE INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be posted and be available online by April 1, 2018. Go to www.venturayachtclub.org and follow the link (Water>Racing>Regatta Network).

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